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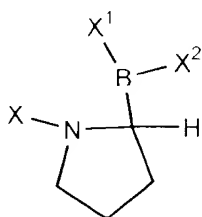
wherein each X^1 and X^2 is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein A^* comprises an amino acid; and

wherein each of the compounds [compound] inhibits DPIV activity.

42. (Twice Amended) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of two or more compounds of the following structure:



wherein each X^1 and X^2 is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein X comprises an amino acid or a peptide; and

wherein each of the compounds [compound] inhibits DPIV activity.

Remarks

Claims 35-51 are pending in the application. Claims 35-51 stand rejected. Claims 35 and 42 are amended as above. No new claims are added. No new matter has been added to the specification by these changes. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the case, as amended. Each of the rejections levied in the Office Action is addressed individually below.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 35-51 stand rejected under